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## M. E. CONFERENCE

Was Opened in St. John's Church on Wednesday

### THE CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Seaford, Del., March 28th, 1917. St. John's M. E. Church was thronged Wednesday at the opening of the 49th annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference. Bishop William H. McDowell, of Washington, D. C., presided. The Lord's supper was administered by the bishop, assisted by the district superintendents.

One hundred and twenty-nine members responded to roll call.

The Conference members stood with bowed head when W. A. Wise, the retiring secretary, called the names of R. H. Lewis, S. M. Morgan, T. A. H. O'Brien and T. E. Martindale, who died during the past year, and the gathering sang "In the Sweet By and By."

#### CONTEST FOR SECRETARY

Conference proceeded to organize by electing a secretary, for which position the following pre-chairs were nominated: Diaston W. Jacobs by C. W. Prettyman; Zach H. Webster by G. L. Hardesty; L. E. Poole by E. H. Collins; W. H. Briggs by W. F. Corkran. Messrs. Webster and Poole requested their nominations be withdrawn and the requests were granted. One ballot was taken, resulting as follows:

Total number of votes, 129; Jacobs, 80; Briggs, 47; Webster, 2.

Announcement of Mr. Jacobs' election was received with applause, and the new secretary briefly expressed thanks.

Mr. Jacobs appointed as his assistants, W. H. Briggs, J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith.

#### CONFERENCE OFFICERS

W. E. Gunby was re-elected statistical secretary and appointed his assistants N. C. Benson, A. R. Brown, Leolan Jackson, G. R. Ellis, J. M. Kelso, G. S. Thomas, R. P. Nichols, J. R. Bicking, A. W. Goodhand, W. M. McCann, T. J. Sard, George Sterling, J. H. Geoghegan, I. S. Whittaker and H. B. Kelso.

J. W. Colona was re-elected treasurer and appointed his assistants—T. R. V. N. Dyke, J. H. Gray, Daniel Wilson, J. T. Bunting, J. T. Richardson, W. P. Taylor, E. W. McDowell, W. G. Harris, Tilghman Smith, V. E. Hills, W. H. Revelle and E. C. Prettyman.

Standing committees as follows were elected:

Public worship—J. J. Bunting, D. J. Ford, W. R. Mowbray and F. F. Carpenter.

Ministerial qualifications—J. W. Coloma, J. P. Outtent, H. T. Quigg, W. L. White, G. T. Alderson, S. N. Pilchard, L. E. Barrett and O. E. Jones.

Conference relations—G. P. Jones, F. F. Carpenter, T. C. Smoot, F. X. Moore, J. H. Gray, G. W. Dawson, L. W. Layfield, F. N. Faulkner, V. E. Hills, G. W. Hastings and R. K. Stephenson.

Education—H. F. Randolph, C. T. Wyatt, L. E. Poole, J. T. Herson and D. G. Givin.

Periodicals—C. N. Jones, L. B. Morgan, C. W. Moore and J. C. McCoy. Bible—Howard Davis, J. W. Gray, E. H. Derrickson and J. C. B. Hopkins.

Auditing—W. O. Bennett, G. R. Neese, J. J. Bunting, H. B. Kelso and E. H. Collins.

Epworth League—L. I. McDougle, Milton McCann, E. W. McDowell and Howard Davis.

Sunday school—Leonard White, T. N. Given, Leolan Jackson and G. E. Sterling.

Sabbath observance—J. M. Kelso, J. M. Mitchell, A. P. Prettyman and J. A. Hudson.

Temperance and Prohibition—V. E. Hills, C. A. Prettyman, H. S. Dulany, J. L. Johnson and Alfred Smith.

Freedman's Aid—J. P. Otis, C. W. Freedman, Harry Taylor and Ivanhoe Willis.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—G. C. Williams, V. S. Collins, Frank White and O. T. Baynard.

Woman's Home Missionary Society—L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, G. S. Thomas and G. W. Newton.

Missionary statistics—C. W. Moore, Asbury Burk, W. P. Taylor and J. A. Hudson.

Memoirs—C. A. Hill, J. H. Gray and Robert Watt.

Philadelphia Hospital—D. W. Jacobs, G. W. Bounds, W. W. Sharp and Ivanhoe Willis.

Thanks—S. N. Pilchard, Warren Burr, A. W. Goodhand and T. R. Van Dyke.

The following commissions were elected:

Commission on Finance—Ministerial, J. W. Colona, C. W. Prettyman, C. T. Wyatt, G. C. Williams, W. E. Greenfield, Alfred Smith, V. S. Collins, and district superintendents ex-officio; lay, W. J. Downing, W. O. Hoffecker, Governor John G. Townsend, E. J. Winder, M. B. Burris, H. P. Cannon, Melville Gambrill and W. A. Moore.

Commission on Conference Claimants Endowment—Ministerial, E. H. Dashiel, V. S. Collins, C. W. Prettyman, L. E. Barrett, E. W. Jones, W. O. Hurst, Z. H. Webster, H. F. Randolph, G. T. Alderson and district superintendents ex-officio; lay, Caleb E. Burchenal, Melville Gambrill, W. O. Hoffecker, Governor John G. Townsend, E. J. Winder, M. B. Burris, H. P. Cannon, Melville Gambrill and W. A. Moore.

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## CALLS HALT ON DEMOBILIZATION

War Department Suspends Muster-out Order.

### ADDS 15,000 TO U. S. ARMY

President Shaping Vigorous Policy. Legislation For War Purposes Considered At Cabinet Meeting.

Washington.—Nearly 15,000 men were added Tuesday to the National Guard force available for Federal police duty by a War Department order suspending the muster-out of all guard organizations still in the Federal service. With the men called out during the last few days this gives the Government upward of 45,000 guardsmen for employment in their home States to protect industries and other property.

#### Men Now In Camps.

Most of the men affected by the latest order are at their home mobilization camps preparing to return to civilian life after long stays on the Mexican border. They now will be held at their camps or armories for assignment as conditions require.

In all about 18,000 men are retained by the order, but several of the units already had been designated for Federal service.

With army, navy and industrial preparedness measures to meet German aggression going forward as rapidly as possible, President Wilson and his Cabinet took up consideration of further steps to follow the convening of Congress in extra session next Monday.

The President has not yet written the message he will deliver Tuesday or Wednesday, and is said to have reached no final conclusion as to just what recommendations to make. Because of possible changes in the situation, he is not expected to put the address in final shape until the last moment.

#### For Vigorous Policy.

There is no doubt in the minds of Administration officials that whatever may be its details, the policy laid before Congress will be both vigorous and comprehensive. The general opinion after the Cabinet meeting apparently was that the program most likely to be followed by Congress would include a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany an authorization for the President to use the armed forces of the nation to protect its rights, the granting of large credit to the Government to carry out its policy, passage of censorship and espionage bills, and provision for the employment of additional Secret Service agents.

No final decision has been reached as to whether financial assistance should be given the Entente Allies, though a strong sentiment for such a step exists among Government officials. If this is done the Government probably will deal directly with the other Governments concerned and not through agents.

#### Congress To Limit Work.

Measures growing out of the international situation and left over from previous bills, will comprise almost the whole legislative program of the approaching extra session of Congress.

While leaders will not attempt to frame a definite program until after President Wilson's opening address, Senate Democratic leaders today expressed belief that the work of the extraordinary session would be confined to legislation which is essentially "extraordinary."

#### NO ATTEMPT TO DESTROY SHIP.

American Liner Did Not SIGHT Any Submarine.

London (delayed by censor).—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first armed American liner to enter an European port since the war began, arrived Monday morning. She carried a meager number of passengers—33 all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the St. Louis they made no attempt to destroy her, but kept carefully away from the guns of the American ship.

#### GUARD SENT TO NIAGARA FALLS.

New York Troops Will Protect Buffalo's Power Plants.

Albany, N. Y.—The request of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce that the power plants at Niagara Falls be guarded by National Guardsmen was granted by Governor Whitman. The request was made yesterday after a delegation from the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, which came here after rumors of plots against industrial plants were circulated.

#### TO HAVE 500 CARS AT FRONT.

Americans Will Aid Four Sections To Field Ambulance.

Paris.—Four more sections of the American field ambulance will be offered to the French Army in April. Thus the organization will have more than 500 cars at the front.

#### One Way To Make \$20.

Uniontown, Pa.—At least half a dozen merchants have accepted \$10 bills raised to \$20 by pasting of the figure "2" over the "1" in 10.

## Armies in Great Battle

The British and French troops have made additional important gains against the Germans on the line running from Aras to Soissons.

On the British center at several points Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's men have pushed forward appreciably nearer the St. Quentin-Cambrai road, occupying the villages of Longaville, Liermont and Eaucourt, and in addition have recaptured from the Germans a position north of Beaumont-Les-Cambrai, which the Germans took from them in an attack Monday night.

The gains of the French were made in the region to the south of La Fere, where they drove the Germans completely out of the lower forest of Coucy and also captured the villages of Petit Barisis, Verueuil and Coucy-La-Ville, bringing the French line in this region to the western outskirts of the forest of St. Gobain and the upper forest of Coucy.

In the Soissons sector further progress was made north of Neuville-Sur-Margival and northeast of Leuilly.

The German War Office admits the capture by the British of the town of Roisel, about 11 miles northwest of St. Quentin, and the falling back of the German forces before the French at several points in the forest region south of La Fere, in order to avoid being outflanked.

Violent artillery fighting in the region of Verdun and at various points in Belgium, notably near Dixmude, Steenstraete and Het Sas, has been in progress.

On the Russian front the Russians have been forced to fall back before the Germans south of Baronovitchi, according to a statement of the Petrograd War Office.

In this fighting Berlin claims that more than 300 Russians were made prisoners and four machine guns and seven mine throwers were captured. Russian attacks near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and in Galicia, were repulsed by the Teutonic Allies, says Berlin.

Apparently a renewal of fighting in Roumania is indicated by the German official communication, which says the Russians have been prevented from carrying out an attack south of the Trotus Valley.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, along the Julian front, the Austrians made an attack in force between Dosso Faiti and Frigido and captured a section of Italian trenches on Hill 126. At all other places, however, the attack met with repulse, according to Rome.

About 400 yards of Teutonic Allied trenches have been captured by the French, near the Cervarigna Crest, in Serbian Macedonia, together with some 100 prisoners. A Bulgarian attack in the Cerna River bend, in this region, was repulsed.

### NAVY NEEDS 26,456 MEN

Men Not To Be Required To Serve Out Usual Enlistment Term Of Four Years — Recruiting Force Enlarged.

Washington.—The Navy Department in a big drive to bring enlistments up to full strength and to fill the immediate need for men, dispatched orders to all recruiting stations to accept men for the Marine Corps as well as the reserve corps for a term limited to the "present emergency." Men so recruited will be pressed into service with the understanding that they will receive full pay when the emergency ends and not be compelled to serve out the usual four years. To rush enlistments and broaden the campaign for new men, an additional force of 100 officers and 1,000 men may be detailed for recruiting purposes.

The total enlisted strength of the Navy is 61,089, it was shown by department reports. Figuring in the men whose term of enlistment will expire in the near future, the Navy now needs 26,456 men to bring the number up to the maximum allowed by the present law. When the present limit is reached the President will be asked to extend it to furnish plenty of additional men for every vessel and for duty on shore. When the special session convenes legislation is expected to be pressed making it easier for enlisted men to secure commissions. The Navy Department needs 995 officers now for immediate duty.

#### BIDS ADIEU TO WEST INDIES.

Danish King Thanks Islanders For Their Loyalty.

London.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

## U.S. CANNOT TREAT WITH GERMANY

Lansing Rejects Proposal to Extend Agreements.

### A SCATHING ARRAIGNMENT

Germany Again Arraigned By the United States For Its Flagrant Violation Of Treaty Obligations.

Washington.—Practically accusing Germany of regarding treaties as scrapes of paper, the United States Government's note regarding reconstruction of the 1799 treaty informed Germany that further "engagements" would be useless.

The note, made public in full Monday, added that the Government is seriously considering whether or not Germany's "flagrant violations" had not abrogated the 1785, 1799 and 1828 treaties.

Secretary Lansing pointed out that what steps shall be taken should it be determined that Germany, by her actions, has nullified the treaties, was something for the Senate to decide when it meets. The question of whether Germans in the United States shall be interned in the event of war and of whether German property shall be taken over by this Government are among the real problems which Congress must pass upon.

#### Germany Bitterly Arraigned.

Germany again is bitterly arraigned for its flagrant violation of treaty obligations. Secretary Lansing, in permitting publication of the correspondence in which the State Department rejected the German protocol designed to give Germans the immunity conferred in the Prussian treaties of 1785, 1799 and 1828, threw the spotlight of publicity on German efforts to hold the United States to a one-sided agreement.

#### Violated All Agreements.

The Secretary in this correspondence sent to the Swiss Minister, who represents German interests in the United States, declares flatly that Germany has consistently violated all of the provisions of this treaty, commencing with the sinking of the American schooner William P. Frye.

Secretary Lansing makes it plain that in his opinion the actual treaties themselves have been made inoperative by the German actions, although the correspondence itself simply rejects the proposed protocol. In connection with the treaty pledges, the Secretary says:

"I feel constrained, in view of the circumstances cited, to add that this Government is seriously considering whether or not the treaty of 1828 and the revised articles of the treaties of 1785 and 1799 have not been, in effect, abrogated by the German Government's flagrant violation of these provisions, for it would be manifestly unjust and inequitable to require one party to an agreement to observe its stipulations and permit the other to disregard them."

"It appears that the mutuality of understanding has been destroyed by the conduct of the German authorities."

#### U. S. MEN OUT OF SANTIAGO.

Cubans Give Assurances Of Ability To Keep Order.

Throughout the entire communication Secretary Lansing flays German methods. Referring to the fact that since diplomatic relations were severed American citizens have been prevented from removing freely from Germany, the Secretary declares that this indicates that Germany proposes not to be bound by its obligation to grant that right.

#### LATEST PEACE RUMOR.

A Bourse Report That Germany Has Offered Terms To Russia.

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says:

"According to a Berlin telegram received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Berlin is filled with rumors that Germany has offered a separate peace to Russia. The terms offered are said to be complete autonomy to Poland, the internationalization of Constantinople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

#### MARINE INSURANCE DOWN.

Rates Drop As U. S. Prepares Plans To Protect Ships.

New York—Marine insurance rates on trans-Atlantic vessels have declined 1 or 2 points here since the Government announced its stand for the protection of American shipping.

#### WAR MAY CLOSE HARVARD.

University Would Likely Be Made Training Camp.

Cambridge, Mass.—A semi-official announcement was made that in the event of war the college year at Harvard University probably would be terminated within a short time and the University plant turned into a military camp. The announcement was in the form of an editorial in the Harvard Crimson.

#### VASSAR GIRLS READY.

1,120 Students At College Sign Up For War Service.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Announcement was made that Vassar College is in a state of "practical mobilization," with nearly all of its 1,120 girl students signed up for war service in the National League for Women's Service as Nurses, Wireless Operators and Clerks. Hospital classes of the American Red Cross are ready to be graduated at once. Sewing and knitting classes have been at work for months.

## BUILDING UP BIG ARMY AND NAVY

Preliminary Steps to the Mobilizing of Millions.

### ARMY SYSTEM REORGANIZED

Two New Departments Created In Atlantic Coast Region—National Guardsmen To Police Coast Points.

Washington.—President Wilson took steps Sunday to place the nation on a war footing.

By executive order he directed that the navy be recruited without delay to its full authorized war strength of 87,000 enlisted men. Taken in connection with emergency naval construction already ordered, this means that the President has exercised the full limit of his legal powers as Commander-in-Chief to prepare the navy for war.

For the army, the President directed that two new military departments be created in the Atlantic Coast region. The order means that the task of organizing whatever army Congress may authorize will be divided among six departmental commanders, instead of four, in the interests of speed and efficiency in mobilization.

#### State Troops Called Back.

The third step was to assume as a national duty the task of protecting American industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. For this purpose 11 full infantry regiments, two separate battalions and one separate company of National Guard were called back into the Federal service to act as national police in important districts. Supplementing these troops, a regiment of Pennsylvania guards and two companies of Georgia Infantry, en route home from the border for muster out, were ordered retained in the Federal service.

The President's orders were made known in terse official statements issued by both departments. No explanation accompanied them except the statement that reorganization of the military departments, effective May 1, was designed to facilitate decentralization of command.

#### Official Statements Issued.

Following is the executive order bringing the navy up to war strength: "By virtue of the authority vested in the President by the act of Congress approved August 29, 1916, entitled 'An Act making Appropriations for the naval services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes' it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men." "WOODROW WILSON."

The navy must enroll immediately approximately 26,000 men to reach the required strength. Secretary Daniels supplemented it tonight with personal telegrams to newspaper editors all over the country urging them to aid the department in every way in their power to obtain the men.

#### Twenty-five To Fifty People Killed Over 100 Hurt.

Santiago De Cuba.—Relying on assurances of the ability of the Cubans to maintain order, the American commander withdrew Sunday the last men of the force landed two weeks ago. The city is quiet, although skirmishes in the outskirts are not infrequent.

Col. Aurelio Havila, the Minister of the Interior, now is here supervising the situation. The number of Cuban troops has been largely increased and it is announced that a vigorous campaign against the rebels will be inaugurated immediately. The rebels are continuing their campaign of destruction, but there are no indications that they are in a position to make formidable resistance.

The new Government in the city has made many arrests of persons connected with the former regime.

#### MORE CHASER BIDS.

Navy Department Plans To Open Offers On Wednesday.

Washington.—Cutting down delay by days and hours, the Navy Department announced it would endeavor to open bids for a number of new submarine chasers on Wednesday instead of next Saturday.

#### Only Waited 12 Years.

Pittsburgh.—After waiting for more than 12 years for her fiance to marry her, Edith Loretto Osborn filed suit in the Common Pleas Court for \$50,000 heart balm from Harry Fritz Randolph.

#### Guatemala Protests.

Guatemala City.—The Guatemalan Government has handed to the German Minister a protest against the recent German note on submarine warfare.

#### Mexican Minister Resigns.

Mexico City.—The resignation of Candido Aguilar as Foreign Minister was accepted by President Carranza. Senor Aguilar will run for Governor of Vera Cruz.

#### Would Build Chaser.

Sacramento, Cal.—A movement was initiated at a banquet here to Congressmen Chas. F. Curry to collect a fund of \$250,000 for the building of a submarine chaser for the United States.

#### Pittsburgh College To Aid.

Pittsburgh.—All available resources of the University of Pittsburgh that may be needed have been placed at the disposal of the United States Government.

## SPY INSURANCE FOR THE NATION

Dragnet Spread From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

### SUSPECTS TO BE GATHERED

Plans Under Way For the Construction Of Internment Camps In Various Parts Of The Country.

Washington.—Every channel of government activity is working under pressure to provide "spy insurance" for the nation in the event of war with Germany. An army of secret service men and agents of the Department of Justice, spreading a dragnet from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Mexican border, have under surveillance thousands of "spy suspects" and German sympathizers. A declaration of war between the United States and Germany, it was learned will be followed immediately by wholesale arrests and internments.

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## YES OR NO.

Mr. C. E. E. Ussher is the passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, the longest railroad in the world. He could not help being loaded with experience, for his activities extend across the continent and over two oceans.

The other day I asked him to say a few words before one of my business classes. He made the shortest speech of the year—just sixty words—and every one of them weighed a ton. He said:

"Young ladies are popularly supposed to be concerned chiefly with the words 'Yes' and 'No'; but, judging by my forty years' experience, you, who will be stenographers, are chiefly concerned with the word 'Not.' If it be omitted, and the stenographer makes one say 'I am willing,' when he really said 'I am not willing,' great trouble results."

Millions of dollars have been lost because a telegraph operator wired a stock broker to buy, when the message read not to buy.

Even more millions of dollars have been sidetracked because some stenographer wrote "I will," instead of "I will not," and her employer signed the letter without reading it—cares less of him, of course—with a resultant tremendous loss.

The moral world, as well as the business world, swings on "Yes" and "No," "I will" and "I will not."

Saying "yes" at the right time may stand for success, and saying "No" at the wrong time may encourage failure.

"I will do it" may be the phrase which carries you into prominence, and "I will not do it" may save your money and your reputation.

If you are a stenographer, learn the use of "yes" and "no," "I will" and "I will not," and never write them into a letter, or repeat them, unless you are sure that you understand your employer aright; and then, if you are certain that you did, but have a suspicion that what he said was not what he meant, be careful.

The clerks who rise from the ranks are those who do not follow directions blindly. They understand the why, and when they write out what is told them, or speak the words which they have been ordered to deliver, they have back of them the certainty that they are following directions, and the further guaranty, due to their judgment, that what their employer said he meant to say.

First of all be accurate. In taking shorthand notes, use the utmost care. In delivering messages, use the utmost care. In carrying out the most important orders, in carrying out the least important orders, use the utmost care. And with that care, employ your brains.

Think! If a note, if a message, if an order, seems strange to you, think it over quietly. If it still seems strange after you have given it thought, if you can see no reason for it, go to the one who is responsible for it and learn the why, or at least be assured that you have made no mistake. No man wants an employee who does not think, nor does he want one who will follow orders blindly. He is not infallible. Some day he may make a mistake, and he will then appreciate—perhaps substantially—the clerk who thinks, and shows that he thinks.

## Rainfall in Hawaii.

The rainfall on the island of Hawaii varies greatly, ranging from the enormous downpour of 353 inches a year in the upper Walipu valley to 20 inches a year on the northeast coast between Hilo and Kohala. The Walipu surface streams on the island are found along the northeast coast between Hilo and Kohala. The only river, according to the United States geological survey, is the largest stream on the island, and has been partly developed for irrigation. At Kapoho, on the east point of the island, warm water flows from seeps in the rocks. These "warm springs" flow into a pool about 100 feet long, 25 feet wide and 23 feet deep. The pool is entirely surrounded by rocks and its color varies in shade from a beautiful blue to violet. Waleape, or Green lake, is a body of fresh water in the pit of an old crater near Kapoho. This lake covers an area of about five acres and is fed by springs below the surface. A pumping plant takes water from this lake for domestic use and for irrigation.

## Birds That Have Their Own Way.

The ways of birds are hard to understand. For years the Canadian authorities have been trying in vain to introduce the American quail, or bob-white, into British Columbia. Last year a few pairs, perhaps half a dozen, migrated of their own accord from the state of Washington into the province, and have survived and bred there, and now bid fair to multiply rapidly. On the other hand, the willow grouse, which used to be very plentiful in that region, have almost wholly disappeared.—Youth's Companion.

Statisticians who figure that women holds the balance of power are the scorn of the married man who knows that she holds it all.

Doctors advise that to be healthy one should drink lots of water. But not as chasers, we presume.

Many modern arguments are as crooked as an old day rail fence.

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## TRIUMPHANT HOPES

the world began, to realize the answer to His mediatorial prayer in my behalf, given in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 17, O, that will be splendid. This word of my testimony, graciously given me of God, I declare in humility and lowliness to His glory, to Whom be praise and power and dominion forever. Upon you every one, beloved brethren of the Conference, my heart entreats apostolic benediction; "may the God of peace that brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the power of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, in Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!



Top-Dressing Tobacco, Between the Rows. Where Large Quantities of Fertilizer Are Used on a Crop It Is Much Better to Put Part on at the Time of Planting and Then to Distribute the Remainder as a Top-Dressing Later On.

## INCREASING POTATO PROFITS

MORE POTATOES TO BE PLANTED. In view of the present extraordinary prices for potatoes, fields will probably be planted to this crop this year where they were never grown before.

Intensive methods make it possible to grow crops yielding from 250 to 400 bushels per acre and to decrease the cost of raising each bushel. The big expense in potato-growing comes in the preparation of the land and the attention given the crop throughout the season. But it costs no more to prepare ground, cultivate, and spray a 300-bushel crop than it does a 150-bushel crop. Harvesting will cost more, but the big overhead expenses are practically the same. Obviously the thing to do is to insure larger yields by supplying an abundance of available plant food that will give the crop a good start and force it to early maturity.

## Preparing for Potatoes.

It is best to avoid planting potatoes on soil to which large quantities of stable manure, lime or ashes have been recently applied. Stable manure and ashes supply plantfood constituents which are used by the potato but both manure and lime produce a condition in the soil which favors the growth of potato scab. When lime and manure are to be used on ground planned for potatoes later, manage the rotation in such a way that this treatment will follow rather than precede the potato crop. The seed bed should be worked down mellow by continued disking and harrowing. If the ground is too compact, the growing tubers find difficulty in pushing out into the soil, and as a consequence will be pressed out of shape.

## Organic Matter Needed.

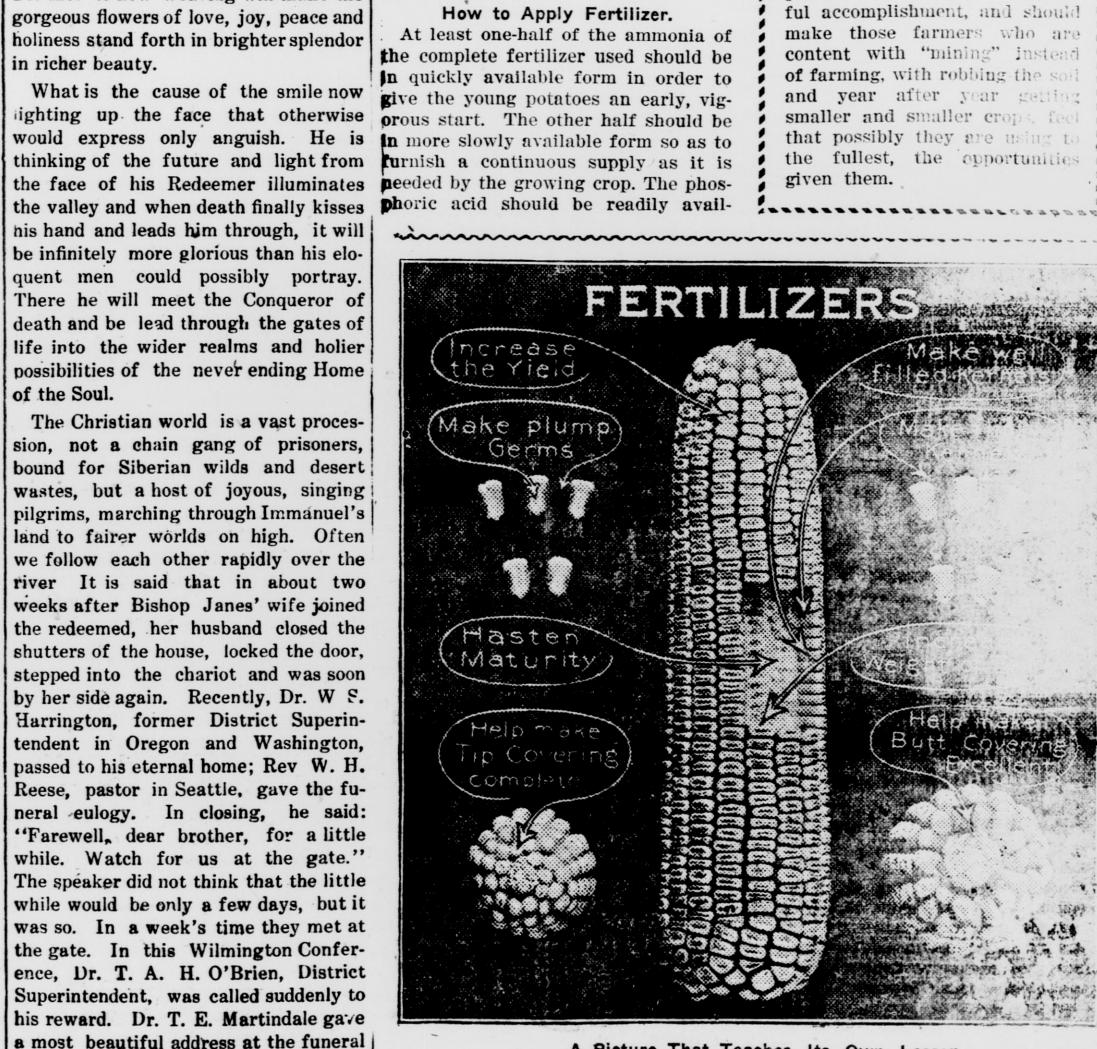
The plantfood of the potato is most profitably supplied by turning under green manures, supplemented by fertilizers. The potato takes up a fairly large amount of nitrogen, a moderate amount of phosphoric acid and a large supply of potash; hence, a fertilizer supplying 3 to 5 per cent ammonia, 6 to 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 6 to 8 per cent potash is about right for loam soils. On sandy soils use more ammonia, on clay use more phosphoric acid and less potash, and on muck use 1 per cent of ammonia, 10 to 12 per cent phosphoric acid, and 8 to 10 per cent potash when the latter can be obtained.

## How to Apply Fertilizer.

Dr. Izer has again dropped the threads of his wonderful weaving as a worker for the Master; others are entering into his labors, weaving on to completion the vast mosaic of colors to adorn the galleries of immortality. Thus the mighty fabric will be perfected; here we only see the dull, wrong side, but when the masterpiece of the world's salvation is finished, what perfection of beauty will appear forever and ever. The dark background of pain which our beloved Dr. Izer is now weaving will make the gorgeous flowers of love, joy, peace and holiness stand forth in brighter splendor in richer beauty.

What is the cause of the smile now lighting up the face that otherwise would express only anguish. He is thinking of the future and light from the face of his Redeemer illuminates the valley and when death finally kisses his hand and leads him through, it will be infinitely more glorious than his eloquent men could possibly portray. There he will meet the Conqueror of death and be lead through the gates of life into the wider realms and holier possibilities of the never ending Home of the Soul.

The Christian world is a vast procession, not a chain gang of prisoners, bound for Siberian wilds and desert wastes, but a host of joyous, singing pilgrims, marching through Immanuel's land to fair worlds on high. Often we follow each other rapidly over the river. It is said that in about two weeks after Bishop James' wife joined the redeemed, her husband closed the shutters of the house, locked the door, stepped into the chariot and was soon by her side again. Recently, Dr. W. S. Harrington, former District Superintendent in Oregon and Washington, passed to his eternal home; Rev. W. H. Reese, pastor in Seattle, gave the funeral eulogy. In closing, he said: "Farewell, dear brother, for a little while. Watch for us at the gate." The speaker did not think that the little while would be only a few days, but it was so. In a week's time they met at the gate. In this Wilmington Conference, Dr. T. A. H. O'Brien, District Superintendent, was called suddenly to his reward. Dr. T. E. Martindale gave a most beautiful address at the funeral service, and was appointed by the Bishop to succeed Dr. O'Brien on the Salisbury District, but he only remained the little while when he, too, was called to join the friend he had loved and enlarged.



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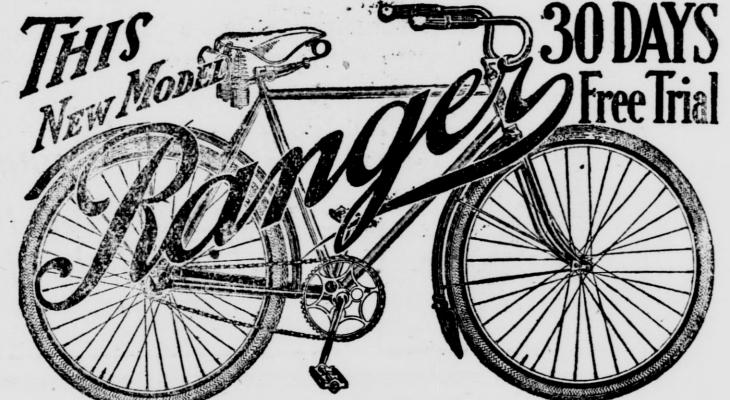
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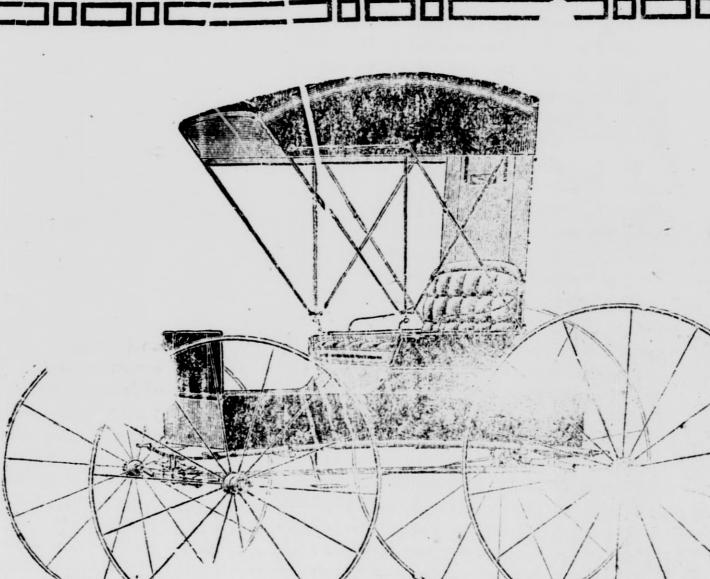
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## STATE AND PENINSULA

The Red Cross Society of Lewes has a membership of seventy-two.

Gifts for the Asbury Methodist Church endowment fund, in Wilmington, now total \$2040.61.

The dairymen of Milford and vicinity talk of raising the price of milk to ten cents per quart.

Hebrew Charity Association, Wilmington, spent \$4,000 in caring for the needy during the past year.

Rev. Billy Sniday will start his campaign in New York on Easter Sunday and remain there three months.

Charles Ben Shem, of the Federal Department of Labor, is in Wilmington investigating the machinists' strike.

Dover's Peoples Building & Loan Association has elected Eldad L. Clarke, president and Cecil C. Fulton, secretary.

Colonel Grantly P. Postles, of Wilmington, has tendered his services to the War Department in the event of war.

Fishermen of Seaford spread their nets in the Nanticoke river in search for herring. One fisherman caught 200 herring.

On account of the scarcity of houses in Chesapeake City, the Southern Transportation Company will build 25 for its workmen.

It is understood that three prominent men of Seaford are making plans to build a large opera house during the coming spring.

A troop of Boy Scouts have been organized at Laurel, with about twenty members, the Rev. C. T. Pfeiffer being scoutmaster.

The Kent County W. C. T. U. convention was set for May 3, at Magnolia, at a meeting of the executive committee, at Wyoming.

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The soldiers' theory is that it steadies his nerves to have something to chew on, and it certainly keeps his otherwise parched throat moist in times of stress. There is a story of a wounded man kept alive for five days by the saliva-inducing gum, and a good yarn about a flying man who used his wad to plug a bullet hole in his petro tank, not an advertised use. London retailers tell me that for years they have had a steady sale among English people of all classes, chiefly men, and that the demand has increased greatly this year, but they do not think our civilians have as yet become slaves to the habit.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has announced that its expenses will be increased a total of \$18,000,000 annually for the whole system in granting the men the pay stipulated in the Adamson act, just declared constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court. Of this sum, \$12,000,000 would be borne by the lines east of Pittsburgh.

Governor Harrington, of Maryland, Wednesday night ordered out two companies of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, to guard the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridges over the Susquehanna river at Harve de Grace. All the north and south traffic of these two roads passes over these bridges.

Earle D. Willey, the new State Librarian, has assumed charge of the State House as custodian.

Chestertown Junior Mechanics have presented a handsome American flag to Still Pond public school.

The Chestertown Bottling Plant, operated by Messrs. Herman and Edward Blackway, will open shortly for the season.

Dr. George S. Counts will be director of the summer school at Delaware College, and Professor Mary E. Rich, dean of women.

Under the will of Edward Cathers, late of Port Deposit, who died in Elkhorn Hospital, his \$8000 estate is bequeathed to his sister.

William Hitchens, 10 years in the light ship service near Lewes, has resigned to become chief engineer of the fishing steamer Galah.

Thomas Lodge, a member of the Junior class of the Dover High School, has been awarded the \$25 prize by the State W. C. T. U. for the best essay on "Temperance."

The Road Engineer of Kent County, Maryland, Mr. Gault Applequist, has secured a position with the government at a good salary. He is expecting his commission at any time.

A branch office will be opened at Kentville by the Chestertown Bank of Maryland. The branch will be in the office of Shafer, Redmire & Co., with Miss Emma Shafer as cashier in charge.

The weather vane on New Castle's old Court House at Wilmington was removed this week by Joseph Jenkins, who took it to Georgetown and put it on the Sussex County Court House.

The Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has paid out to policy holders who have cancelled their policies \$10,000 since 1896. Most of these holders are re-insured. This company has an enviable reputation for careful management.

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The soldiers' theory is that it steadies his nerves to have something to chew on, and it certainly keeps his otherwise parched throat moist in times of stress. There is a story of a wounded man kept alive for five days by the saliva-inducing gum, and a good yarn about a flying man who used his wad to plug a bullet hole in his petro tank, not an advertised use. London retailers tell me that for years they have had a steady sale among English people of all classes, chiefly men, and that the demand has increased greatly this year, but they do not think our civilians have as yet become slaves to the habit.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has announced that its expenses will be increased a total of \$18,000,000 annually for the whole system in granting the men the pay stipulated in the Adamson act, just declared constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court. Of this sum, \$12,000,000 would be borne by the lines east of Pittsburgh.

Governor Harrington, of Maryland, Wednesday night ordered out two companies of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, to guard the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridges over the Susquehanna river at Harve de Grace. All the north and south traffic of these two roads passes over these bridges.

## DELAWARE COLLEGE

STUDENT COUNCIL TO GIVE DANCE

On the evening of Friday, March 30th, the Student Council of Delaware College will hold its second informal dance of the collegiate year in the Gymnasium. Dancing will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will extend to 12.

## DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT PLAYS

On Friday evening, May 11th, the Dramatic Club of Delaware College will give two one act plays, "Honor" and "The Green Coat," in the Newark Opera House. The Mandolin Club will render a musical program on the same evening.

## OLD MANUSCRIPTS PRESENTED

Mr. E. N. Vandigham, of Chestertown Hill, Mass., and formerly a Professor in Delaware College, has presented to the Department of History at Delaware College a number of interesting works on local subjects. The list is as follows:

(1) Irving Spence, History of the Presbyterian Church in America, Philadelphia, 1838. (2) Edward Neill, Terra Mariae, or Threads of Maryland Colonial History, Philadelphia, 1867. (3) Papers of the New Castle Common, New Castle, 1893. (4) Ideal New Castle. A compilation prepared under the auspices of the Commercial Club by G. A. Wolf, Illustrated, 1899. (5) William H. Purcell, Anniversary Address before the Delta Phi Literary Society, 1858. (6) Delaware College Catalogue, 1855-6, with addenda giving Newark Academy Catalogue. (7) Also an M. S. letter from Professor W. P. Trent, of Columbia University, giving the result of his investigations touching the legend that a niece of Daniel Defoe came to Philadelphia as a "redemptioner" and became the ancestress of several well-known families in Cecil County, Md.

This story is circumstantially told in Johnston's History of Cecil County.

## MEETING OF THE ENGINEER'S SOCIETY

An intensely interesting meeting of the Engineers' Society was held last Tuesday evening. Clinton Todd was the first speaker. He described the development of the automobile from the early horseless carriages in England to the present handsome and powerful cars.

## TENNIS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Manager R. H. Pepper, of the Delaware College tennis team, has announced this year's tennis schedule. Tennis became a minor sport at Delaware last year and this year's team should make a creditable showing. The schedule is as follows:

April 28—t John's at Annapolis, Md. May 1—Swarthmore at Swarthmore, Pa. May 5—Haverford at Haverford, Pa. May 12—Moravian, at Bethlehem, Pa. May 18—P. M. C. (pending) at Newark, May 26—Western Maryland, at Westminster, Md. June 2—Washington College (pending) at Chestertown, d.

## DONALD HORSEY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Mr. Donald P. Horsey, '18, of Delaware College, whose home is in Dover, was elected editor-in-chief of the Delaware College Review at meeting of the Review Board held last Tuesday. Mr. Horsey has been an assistant editor during the past year, and succeeds Mr. Harold W. Horsey, his brother, also of Dover, as head of the staff. The editorship of the college weekly is a post of leadership and responsibility, and is one of the highest honors to which a student is eligible. The editor of the Review is ex-officio one of the representatives of his class during the senior year on the Council of the Student Government Association. During the year Mr. Horsey has been president of his class and a member of the Council, and also captain of the basketball team.

## MANDOLIN CLUB HOLDS CONCERT

These posts are now in my yard and ready for delivery at 10c each.

FRANK S. CLAYTON, Chesapeake City, Md.



## Farms for Sale!

| Acres | Price     |
|-------|-----------|
| 249   | \$ 20,000 |
| 450   | 22,000    |
| 350   | 18,000    |
| 187   | 25,000    |
| 300   | 15,000    |
| 160   | 15,000    |
| 291   | 11,000    |
| 172   | 10,000    |
| 41    | 7,200     |
| 120   | 4,000     |
| 80    | 4,000     |
| 96    | 10,000    |
| 120   | 6,300     |
| 200   | 11,000    |
| 116   | 9,500     |
| 100   | 5,700     |
| 138   | 6,500     |
| 208   | 7,000     |
| 75    | 3,100     |
| 249   | 16,000    |
| 18    | 1,000     |
| 200   | 10,000    |
| 120   | 12,000    |
| 80    | 10,000    |
| 120   | 8,000     |
| 75    | 8,000     |
| 200   | 17,000    |
| 280   | 16,000    |
| 100   | 7,000     |
| 311   | 21,000    |
| 160   | 16,000    |
| 115   | 6,000     |

## JOHN HELDMYER, JR.

## 1917 SEASON 1917



## FRENCH COACH

Coal Black Stallion, will weigh 1470 lbs, sired by Marcus N. S., an imported French Coach Horse, weight 1700 lbs. This horse will make the season at my residence near Clayton's Corner, Del. Terms—\$12 to insure with the usual return services.

James A. Money, Phone 225-31 Middletown, Del.

WILLIAM SMITH GROOM

EACH DESIGN IS PRETTIER THAN THE LAST ONE



It only remains with you to decide the colors you want. Our carpets and rugs are famous for their beauty, because we buy only the richest patterns, and also take the greatest care to keep in stock only those goods that have proven their durability. Come in and see them. You are bound to be pleased.

## J. H. EMERSON

Middletown, Delaware

## HOTEL

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ILLINOIS AND PACIFIC AVE.

ATLANTIC CITY

Is situated in the heart of the most fashionable part of Atlantic City, centrally located midway between all stations. Hotel has a beach front view, all outside rooms, and one of the coolest hotels in summer in the city. The hotel has undergone extensive repairs and having the latest fire escapes put in most all the sleeping rooms, the hotel is also noted for its excellent table and best of service. Will open Saturday before Palm Sunday and will be heated with steam. Easter rates, American, \$2.00 per day up, \$10.00 per week up; European, 75¢ per day up. Have all trunks and grips checked to

## IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach aches, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhea. Listen, Mother! If tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

### Enough.

"Frank," said the teacher sternly, "you were late this morning."

"Yes'm," replied the boy, blushing to the roots of his hair. "I had to get up in the middle of the night and run for the doctor."

"I'll excuse you this time, Frank, but I hope it will never happen again."

"That's what pa said, too," was the unexpected answer.

## OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

A medicinal preparation like Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, that has real curative value almost sells itself. Like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited to those who are in need of it.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is a physician's prescription. It has been tested for years and has brought results to countless numbers who have suffered.

The success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact that it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder diseases, corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism.

Do not suffer. Get a bottle of Swamp-Root from any druggist now. Start treatment today.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper—Adv.

### Unbelief.

"And why are you in prison?"

"I'm the victim of unbelief, ma'am."

"Unbelief?"

"Yes, ma'am. I couldn't convince the jury that I was telling the truth."

## BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

Why take ordinary cough remedies when Boschee's German Syrup has been used for fifty-one years in all towns in the United States, Canada, Australia, and other countries, for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung trouble. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, giving nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health, assisted by pure air and sunshine when possible. Trial size 25c, and 75c family size. Sold in all towns in the United States, Canada, Australia, and other countries.—Adv.

### Self-Evident.

Mrs. Mulligan (at 1 a. m.)—What friend helped ye home, ye devil?

Mulligan (nursing his jaw)—Shure, it must hov been the inimy—twas no friend.

## CUTICURA HEALS ECZEMA

And Rashes That Itch and Burn—Trial Free to Anyone Anywhere.

In the treatment of skin and scalp troubles bathe freely with Cuticura Soap and hot water, dry and apply Cuticura Ointment. If there is a natural tendency to rashes, pimples, etc., prevent their recurrence by making Cuticura your daily toilet preparation.

Free sample each by mail with Book, Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

### Embarrassing for Daddy.

A clergyman's small daughter, going to church for the first time, sat very still until her father came in, then she sprang up with a gleeful laugh and shouted:

"Oh, there's daddy in his nighty!"

To keep clean and healthy take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They regulate liver, bowels and stomach.—Adv.

### The Commercial Muse.

"Scribbler is very fond of putting ads. in the newspapers, isn't he?"

"Yes, very. He says that's about all he writes that gets into print."

Constipation generally indicates disordered stomach, liver and bowels. Wright's Indian Vegetable Soap restores regularity without griping. Adv.

### Mean Brute!

"All men are fools," snapped Mrs. Gabb.

"I know it," replied Mr. Gabb. "But the single ones now and then have a chance to forget it."

Pure blood is essential to Good Health. Garfield Tea dispels impurities, cleanses the system and eradicates disease. Adv.

When a fellow "breaks" his word, it's mighty hard to get the pieces fitted back smoothly.

The airship is preferable to the automobile. The joy-flier can't fall and strike somebody without getting hurt.

## The EASTER LILY

Photo by Alsop

LITTLE Anna Harley stood by her mother's side, intently watching the lace-like needlework she was putting into the handkerchief. The threads had been drawn with the greatest exactness and the cambric carefully basted over a bit of enamel cloth to keep it from drawing, and the needle and gossamer-like thread went in and out, leaving behind them the daintiest lace stitches shining like frostwork. Anna wondered if she should ever do anything so beautiful. Then she asked her mother if she might try.

"This would be too difficult for you, dear," said her mother; "but you may try a piece of hemstitching. Here is a bit of linen in my basket you may begin on. I will start the first thread, and you may loosen ten more and draw them out."

When this was done, Anna learned the stitch and soon showed a very neat piece of work.

"Now," said her mother, "how would you like to hemstitch a dress for baby Lillie for a Christmas gift? I think Aunt Anna would be very proud of some of your work."

"Oh, I'd like it so much, mamma! Lillie is such darling!"

Day after day the little fingers stitched away, and by the middle of December the hemstitching was done, and her mother made the little dress. Christmas morning it was sent with the card of "Anna Santa Claus." Aunt Anna kept the box open on the table all day to show to all visitors. She was sure there never was such a lovely piece of work done before by a child only eight years old.

The 2d of February was Anna's birthday, and Aunt Anna and Lillie were invited to tea. Lillie wore her little Christmas dress in compliment to her cousin Anna, and with a warm, fleecy white sacque over. Anna thought her darling baby cousin was never so pretty before.

"She has the right name Aunt Anna: she's white as a lily, and her golden hair is just like a lily's heart. Oh, you sweet thing!" she exclaimed, catching her up. "You look just like an angel!" And the happy baby laughter rippled back her delight.

Just then the bell rang, and the florist's man handed in a large, carefully wrapped parcel for Aunt Anna. She called Anna, who was so taken up with her darling Lillie she had not noticed it.

"Here is another kind of lily, dearie, for your birthday. I thought you would like it because it has the name of your pet."

"For me, Aunt Anna? Oh, thank you so much!" putting a hand on each cheek and kissing her over and over. "That was so sweet in you! Now I'll have a lily as well as you."

"Yes, and the florist assured me it will bloom for Easter. He timed it for that when he set it out."

"How lovely that will be!" said Anna. "I'll take the best care of it."

And she did. It was placed in the sunniest spot in the bay window, the water was made tepid before she watered it, the leaves were brushed every day with a very soft feather duster, and each new leaf watched with the greatest interest.

In the early days of March she grew a little anxious; the stalk seemed swollen. She called her mother's attention to it.

"We can only watch it and see what comes of it," said her mother, knowing well what it was.

"How lovely that will be!" said Anna. "I'll take the best care of it."

Anna did watch it every half hour in the day. Finally, one morning about the middle of March, she found a point of bud beginning to peep out. When her mother told her what it was, she fairly danced for joy. Day by day the bud unrolled and whitened and grew wizazle. At last its golden heart began to show. Its beauty grew more and more, and her mother told her she could send it to the church on Easter Sunday to stand right by the side of the pulpit; the ladies were always glad to have lilies to decorate with at Easter.

Anna thought how proud she should be to have her lily honored.

Friday before Easter came, and the ladies were busy putting up evergreens in the church and arranging designs for flowers, and the singers practicing their anthems, and Anna, living just across the street, was as interested in the beautiful preparations as they.

But Aunt Anna, whose inquisitive taste was always in demand, had brought Lillie to stay with her, and that was better still.

"Oh, mamma," she said, when they were called in to tea, "I was most tempted to give her my lily. She put up her hands and said, so cunningly: 'Anna, baby wantee pr'y flower.' I told her she should have it after Easter."

"She would spoil it, dear. But here's her mother coming for her. Bring her things."

She was wrapped up and taken home, but the treacherous April air was too much for her. By bedtime croup had set in, and at midnight her throat was closed. In a little while she was dead.

Anna thought no more of the church and Easter till someone spoke of sending her lily.

"No, mamma," she said. "It's for Lillie. It was the last thing she asked me for, and now she won't be here after Easter. I want to put it in her little hand to take with her."



By maiden and youth, penance free, pleasure dreaming,  
The child's gleeple quest, success and amaze,  
By chaste, stately lilies through softened light gleaming,  
Each brief light a rapture of exquisite praise;  
By the joy of the chorus in ecstasy swelling  
And the vibrating note of the great organ's roll;  
Then the silence, the fragrance, the deep calm compelling  
An answering peace in each world-weary soul,  
I know that Easter is here.



## PEACE THAT ABIDES

Comforting to All Sad Hearts Is the Glorious Message of the Easter Time.

WAT is a strange and wonderful uplift is experienced by those who observe in true spirit the day which commemorates the resurrection of Christ. Into their souls there is wafted something of the sweetness of the winds of heaven. Into their hearts flows the peace which the world cannot give. The very comfort of God is theirs.

The Easter message speaks of victory. The grim fates that has terrified men in all ages has been conquered. Jesus has triumphed over death and his victory is ours. His "foot is on the skull" of death. There is no place for mournful music in the resurrection anthem.

The Gospel of Easter day is marvelously comforting. There are multitudes of sad hearts in the world. How few are the homes that have not felt the brightening touch of bereavement. How few across whose thresholds the somber-robed messenger has not entered. To all who sorrow the Master speaks in great tenderness: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

The loneliness of the bereaved! Who can appreciate it but those who have drawn the bitter cup?

O for the touch of a vanished hand,  
For the sound of a voice that is still.

It is a time to remember in loving prayer those whose faces are stained with tears and whose hearts are weary with heavy burdens. Sorrowing ones, offer you Christ's glorious resurrection promises. They are the words of eternal life. They speak in ringing accents of hope and heaven. They proclaim the glad tidings that they who fall asleep in Jesus are safe in the Father's house. They counsel patience, loving submission to the all-wise will of God, confidence in him who has never broken his word. Some day, in God's own time, we shall stand face to face with those whom we "loved and lost awhile." What a day that will be, O my soul! Then the broken bonds will be restored and the old, sweet companionship renewed and the glory will be all the brighter for the shadows through which we passed.

The resurrection message is a call to consecrated service. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Be up and doing, for we serve the Master of life. The sin-sick world waits for loving ministrations in Jesus' name. We are co-laborers with God, we are linked up to the divine purpose, we are intrusted with the work of the kingdom. Then let us talk manfully for the Master's sake, with a song in our hearts and a smile on our faces. "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord. By the blessing of our Lord it will bear fruit for the eternities."

Thank God for the story of the empty tomb! Praise be unto him who has shed light into the grave! Thanksgiving unto him who is the Lord of life everlasting.

That God who ever loves and loves, One God, one law, one element, And one far-off divine event, To which the whole creation moves.

Universal Russian Greeting.

In all of Russia and extending as far to the South as Greece, the Easter greeting of all is "Christ is Risen," to which is often added a personal wish of especial kindness toward the one addressed.

Both Old Forms of Celebration.

There is nothing modern but the modes in the celebration of Easter Sunday with new apparel. The Easter egg which is to amuse the children of today is older than the records of the oldest antiquarian. The two forms of celebrating secularly a day which is so honored in the churches will doubtless survive as long as the religious ceremony.

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# A Medicine for Women

For Forty Years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has Relieved the Sufferings of Women.

It hardly seems possible that there is a woman in this country who continues to suffer without giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial after all the evidence that is continually being published, proving beyond contradiction that this grand old medicine has relieved more suffering among women than any other medicine in the world.

#### Mrs. Kieso Cured After Seven Month's Illness.

Aurora, Ill.—"For seven long months I suffered from a female trouble, with severe pains in my back and sides until I became so weak I could hardly walk from chair to chair, and got so nervous I would jump at the slightest noise. I was entirely unfit to do my house work, I was giving up hope of ever being well, when my sister asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took six bottles and today I am a healthy woman able to do my own housework. I wish every suffering woman would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and find out for herself how good it is."—MRS. KARL A. KIESO, 596 North Ave., Aurora, Ill.

#### Could Hardly Get Off Her Bed.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—"I want you to know the good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I was in such bad health from female troubles that I could hardly get off my bed. I had been doctoring for a long time and my mother said, 'I want you to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.' So I did, and it has certainly made me a well woman. I am able to do my house work and am so happy as I never expected to go around the way I do again, and I want others to know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—MRS. JOSIE CORNER, 1668 Harrison Ave., Fairmount, Cincinnati, Ohio.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

#### Dieting by Compulsion.

"Doing anything these days to reduce your waist measure?"

"No," replied the corpulent person. "I no longer find it necessary. The food barons are attending to that."

ELIXIR BABEK. **WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD IN THE PHILIPPINES.** "I contracted malaria in 1896, and after a year's fruitless treatment by a prominent Washington physician, Dr. Elizir Babek entirely cured me. On arriving here I came down with tropical malaria—the worse form and sent home for Babek. Again it proved a success. It is worth its weight in gold here."—Brasic O'Hagan, Troop E, 8th U. S. Cavalry, Balayan, Philippines.

ELIXIR BABEK, 50 cents, all druggists or Parcel Post, prepaid, from Kloczewski & Co., Washington, D. C.

#### Keeping Youthful.

"She's a fascinating widow of only thirty-six summers."

"Umph! What became of the winter?"

"Oh, she spent those at such gay resorts, they hardly added a day to her age."

GARFIELD TEA, taken regularly, will correct both liver and kidney disorders. Adv.

#### GOES FROM DESK TO LAUNDRY

Stenographer Quits \$12-a-Week Job and Is Now Making Several Times That Amount Washing Clothes.

In writing on economy Thoreau once observed that mankind is apt to "consider not what is truly respectable, but what is respected." Most young people consider that it is a more respectable occupation to sit at a desk in an office than to take in washing. A highly-educated Los Angeles girl thought otherwise and proved her point.

As a stenographer she was earning \$12 a week and, not satisfied with this pay, she quit not only her job, but the whole stenography business. She was not afraid of soapsuds or hard work and she had an idea that it was better to be a prosperous laundress than an impudent stenographer. She conducted the business with brains and efficiency and as a result is now making \$68 a week without working longer hours than she did at her desk. She now merely does fancy work, expensive and delicate fabrics for wealthy people; and the business grows. She makes something more than a respectable income.

There is a lesson here for any who think any kind of honest work is beneath them. To quote Thoreau again: "The life which men praise and regard as successful is but one kind. Why should we exaggerate anyone kind at the expense of the others?"—Los Angeles Times.

Sweeter the glad whistle of the cardinal than the insane chatter of the chipmunk.

Money is, of course, the cream of commerce—and the average youth is a willing separator.

## There's a good way to keep growing boys and girls healthy and happy and that is to give them

## Grape-Nuts for breakfast.

This wonderfully nourishing food has a sweet, nutty flavor that makes it popular with children.

One of the few sweet foods that does not harm digestion, but builds them strong and bright.

At grocers everywhere.

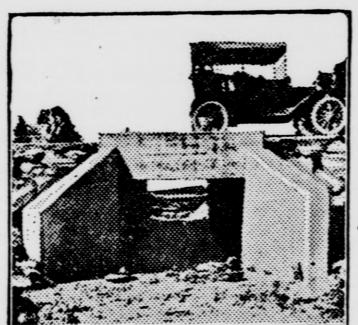
## Highway Improvement

### GROWTH OF IMPROVED ROADS

Mileage of Surfaced Highways Has Been Increasing at Rate of 16,000 Miles Yearly.

Rapid increase in total expenditures for roads and bridges, growth of building and maintenance activities under state supervision, and a sharp decrease in the proportion of contributions in the form of statute labor mark the development of highway work in the United States during the past 12 years. These facts are brought out by statistics for the calendar year 1915, recently compiled by the office of public roads and rural engineering of the department.

The total length of public roads in the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities was about 2,452,000 miles on January 1, 1916. Of this, about 277,000 miles, or 11.3 per cent, were improved with some form of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads has been increasing at the rate of about 16,000 a year, and in 1915 approximately one-half of this increase was made under the supervision of state highway departments. In addition these de-



Concrete Culvert.

partments supervised the maintenance of nearly 52,000 miles of main and trunk-line roads.

The increase in expenditures for road and bridge work in the United States has been from approximately \$80,000,000 per year in 1904 to about \$282,000,000 in 1915, an increase of more than 250 per cent. The expenditure of state funds during this same period increased from about \$2,550,000 to more than \$53,000,000. In addition, more than \$27,000,000 of local funds was spent under state supervision in 1915, bringing the total road and bridge expenditures managed by the states to \$80,415,000. This amount is greater than the total expenditures for roads and bridges from all sources in 1904.

The stranger gazed appreciatively at the sign nailed on a nearby telegraph post. Its stern message was: "It is dangerous to walk or stand on these tracks while a train is passing."—Everybody's Magazine.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

No H. *John* Pansey—Isn't it tragic that John fell down on his job? Lily—Well, he still can make good. Pansey—No, he can't; he's a steeplejack—Jester.

GARFIELD TEA, taken regularly, will correct both liver and kidney disorders. Adv.

#### NEW YORK WANTS A CHANGE

Desires Unsightly Post Office Building Erected Soon After the War Removed From City Park.

If the cracking of the walls of the unsightly downtown post office building which for a whole generation has been permitted to occupy the southern end of City Hall park turns out to be serious enough to necessitate the removal of the building, it is to be hoped that enough public spirit will be manifested in New York to compel the return of the park land to the city and the erection of a new federal building elsewhere, says the New York Times.

The building designed by Mullet has always been regarded as an ill-favored specimen of architecture. The lower end of City Hall park had been seized by the United States government during the war between the states as an encampment for volunteers and the shabby barracks did not disappear until some time after the war. The ground was never repaired and it was transferred to the federal government for a post office and courthouse when the minds of public-spirited citizens were wholly occupied with other matters. The courtrooms have always been ill ventilated. The building has been uncomfortable within and unsightly as to its exterior. Its removal has long been hoped for.

English as She Is Spoke. Knicker—Funny thing about food. Bocker—Yes, a shortage and a longing always exist at the same time.

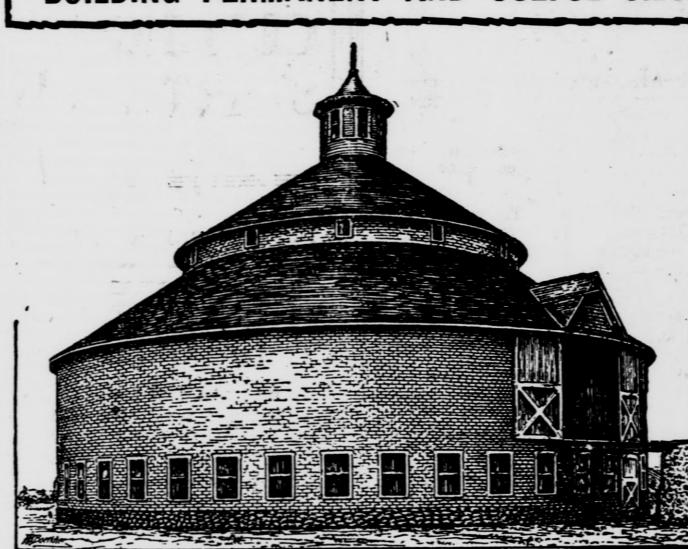
Many a great man is eager to "educate the young"—who have studied his whole life.

#### REASON FOR GOOD HIGHWAYS

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It is perfectly obvious that you have got to have an intricate and perfect network of roads throughout the length and breadth of this great continent before you have released the energies of America. . . . The blood of the nation will not flow in harmonious concord unless it can flow in intimate sympathy.—President Wilson.

## BUILDING PERMANENT AND USEFUL SILO



CIRCULAR DAIRY BARN WITH SILO IN CENTER.

(By J. B. DAVIDSON and M. L. KING.)

The farmer, who has been thinking of building a silo should get into action, and the man who has not been thinking of the silo should think and act promptly. Because many farmers are thinking "silo" these days the following points as to good silos are worth keeping in mind:

The walls must be airtight.

The walls must be smooth inside.

The best type of silo is round.

The roof should be waterproof.

The substances should be substantial enough to stand great pressure.

The silo, with the exception of a few types, is of such construction that it does not need the protection of a covered building. It is not economical to place a silo in a building where it will occupy space which may be put to other use.

Unhandy Location.

A silo located inside of a building is often unhandy to fill. The forage cannot be delivered to the cutter conveniently. By locating a silo outside of the building and only connecting it thereto with a passage provided with doors, the objectionable odor of the silage may be kept out of the building.

By arranging the silo so as to be connected to the feeding room with a feedway, it should be as convenient for feeding as when located in the building itself. A very common arrangement is to so locate the silo that the passageway from the silo to barn is a continuation of the feedway in the barn.

The fundamental principle in the preservation of green forage when placed in a silo is the exclusion of air. It is the purpose of any silo, regardless of its construction, to exclude air as far as possible from the silage and in this way prevent decay.

Construction of Walls.

The foundation wall and in fact the walls of the entire silo, should be as smooth as possible. If due care is used in tramping the silage during the filling, doors which extend into the silo are not a serious objection, though perfectly flush doors are certainly an advantage.

A vertical wall is the only satisfactory wall to use, as a wall inclined outward will support the silage to a certain extent and prevent settling satisfactorily, thus creating air pockets.

When the wall is inclined inward the silage will settle away from it. In the case of concrete silos with tapering walls, these should be vertical on the inside.

The quantity of silage increases with the depth, due to the moisture contained in the soil, which expands with an almost irresistible force upon freezing. For these considerations, unless the foundation lies in dry, well-drained soil, a drain tile should be used to remove the ground water.

Concrete Floor.

A silo floor need not be thick or expensive, as the weight of the silage, though very great, is distributed evenly over the surface and would be just as firmly supported if the floor were not used.

A door for filling, large enough to admit the carrier or elevator from the ensilage-cutter, should be placed in the roof. A simple trapdoor may be used for this purpose but a dormer window with glass is preferable.

Some light should be admitted to the silo for if not it will be necessary to use a lantern when removing the silage.

A silo door should form an airtight joint with its frame and be flush or smooth on the inside. In addition, it should be convenient for the removal of silage and of a size to permit any person to enter the silo.

Most patent silos are now provided with continuous doors which are only obstructed by the hoops or bars extending from side to side. Often these connections or hoops are so close together that the so-called continuous door is of little advantage over doors of larger size placed in the silo wall at intervals above one another.

Foundations should extend below the frost line, so if the earth inside the foundation wall be excavated to this depth and the floor placed on a level with the footings, a very cheap addition to the silo is secured without increasing the height of the silo above the ground.

The difficulty in removing the silage from the part of the silo below the lower door is objectionable, and beyond a certain depth the difficulty in removing the silage is so great as to more than balance the economy of securing additional space in this way. Three or four feet up to the first door is not considered objectionable.

Capacity Varies.

The capacity of a silo varies as the square of the diameter while the wall surface varies directly as the diameter. This means that as far as capacity is concerned the silo should be of as large a diameter as possible.

But there are other limiting factors involved. When silage is left exposed to the air for a short time, more than a day, it spoils. Enough must be removed daily so that it will keep fresh.

In the well-settled silage, the air does not penetrate much over an inch and if an inch and a half or two inches are fed from the surface daily the silage will remain fresh.

In warm weather the silage will take place much more rapidly than in

Disposing of Dead Animals.

Dead animals on the farm should be buried deep enough to prevent them from being dug up again, or they should be burned.

Look Over Implements.

Look the farm implements over carefully to determine if any repairs or replacements are necessary.

May Be Farming Better.

The other fellow may be farming better than you are.

## Healthy Skin Depends On Kidneys

The skin and the intestines, which

work together with the kidneys, to throw out the poisons of the body, do a part of the work, but a clean body and a healthy one depends on the kidneys. If the kidneys are clogged with toxic poisons you suffer from stiffness in the knees in the morning on arising, your joints seem "rusty" you may have rheumatic pains, pain in the back, stiff neck, headaches, sometimes swollen feet, or neuralgic pains—all due to the uric acid or toxic poisons in the blood. This is the time to go to the nearest drug store and simply obtain a 50c. package of Anuric (double or triple strength), the discovery of Dr. Pierce. This well-known pellet was made up nearly fifty years ago, by Dr. Pierce, and can be obtained from almost any apothecary—simply ask for Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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